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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 October 2009.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 12-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 12-19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SF-298)
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____
- Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 30 October 2009 have been fully considered. Applicant notes the substance of the previous interview and has incorporated some of the examiner's suggestions for amending the claims to overcome the previously discussed prior art. Remarks/Arguments at 7. However, with regard to Applicant's assertion that the examiner already agreed to withdraw the pending rejections in a followup conversation, remarks at 7, the examiner disagrees. Although the proposed amendments were briefly discussed, no such assurances were given.

Upon further examination of the proposed amendment, the examiner finds the claim language met by the previous combination. Specifically, Applicant's amended claim language requires that all of a third stream is carried in first bursts and second bursts. However, this language does not require that each of the series of first bursts and the series of second bursts contain all of the third stream as illustrated at Applicant's Figures 12 and 13. Rather, the first bursts and second bursts together may contain all of the third stream data. In other words, the first bursts may contain some of the third stream data, and the second bursts may contain the rest.

Vermola illustrates that a first burst and a second burst may contain components of a third stream. Figure 13. Although the first burst and second burst illustratively contain components of the ESG, the ESG may be sent in part or in whole at a

predefined period. Para. 0049. Therefore, the first and second bursts, taken together as claimed, may comprise all of the ESG data.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 12-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over WIPO Pub. WO 03/073753 (hereinafter “Yamaquchi”) in view of US PG-Pub. No. 2005/0090235 (hereinafter “Vermola”). Applicant is advised that the Vermola reference is an “intervening” reference by virtue having an effective filing date (5 Nov. 2003) prior to the filing date of Applicant’s parent PCT application (26 Oct. 2004), but later than Applicant’s earliest priority date (30 Oct. 2003). Applicant cannot rely upon the foreign priority papers to overcome this rejection because a translation of said papers has not been made of record in accordance with 37 CFR 1.55. See MPEP § 201.15.

12. Yamaguchi teaches a transmission method comprising “generating a transmission stream through multiplexing of a first stream having data of a first service” (stream A1-A3 in Figs 6C-D), a second stream having data of a second service (stream B1-B3 in Figs 6C-D), and a third stream having data related to the first service and data related to the second service (zapping data streams LMN or XYZ in Figs 6C-D

containing information related to content streams A, B, C; see pg. 30, l. 13 – pg. 31, l.

7). The transmitted stream “has such a structure that a first burst for transmitting the first stream and a second burst for transmitting the second stream are located periodically in said transmission stream” in light of Applicant’s amended Figure 15, in which a “burst” appears to be a sequence of packets related to the same content. Therefore sequences A1-A3, B1-B3, and C1-C3 of Figs 6C-D are considered to be bursts.

However, Yamaguchi does not further teach the third stream being carried in said first burst and also in said second burst, each burst carrying all information related to the first and second services; rather, the third stream is in between the bursts as in Figs 6C-D. Yamaguchi further does not teach a pause in transmission between the bursts.

Vermola teaches sending a first burst 130 comprising first service data S1m and a second burst 131 comprising second service data S2m. Consecutive bursts (e.g. bursts 1 and 2 of Fig. 13) may be considered batches and contain pause intervals between each burst (and by extension between batches). Each burst further comprises electronic service guide data comprising information related to the services (para 0060). Although Figure 13 illustrates each burst comprising ESG information for only one service (ie, ESG1 for burst 130, ESG2 for burst 131), Vermola further contemplates that each burst may comprise any number of service components (para 0072), and that either part or all of the ESG may be sent at the predefined interval (para 0049). Therefore Vermola contemplates sending all the ESG information in a single burst or a series of bursts and repeating the sending such that all the ESG information is contained in the first and second bursts individually or together.

Yamaguchi and Vermola thus both teach multiplexing first and second streams containing first and second service data with a third stream containing information related to the first and second services. However, Vermola uses a different multiplexing scheme that has the advantage of low power consumption (see para. 0044). Therefore, it would have been obvious to modify Yamaguchi with Vermola's multiplexing scheme, making the simple substitution of the one multiplexing scheme for the other to achieve predictable results, and further for the purpose of reducing power consumption.

13. Yamaguchi further teaches the first and second data being high quality content data (program content data, pg. 30, l. 1–4) and the third zapping data related to the first and second data being lower quality data (pg. 6, l. 4–8).

14. Yamaguchi further teaches the high quality content data being program data comprising audio and video (television broadcast programs, pg. 1).

15 and 16. Yamaguchi further teaches the zapping data comprising images, audio, and/or text (pg. 6, l. 4–8).

Independent claim 17 is met as discussed above, the transmitter further comprising a multiplexer operable to generate the previously discussed transmission stream (Yamaguchi, pg. 7, l. 19 – pg. 20, l. 9).

Independent claim 18 is met as discussed above, the system further comprising a receiver operable to receive the multiplexed stream “partially and selectively” such that only a single program channel is displayed (Yamaguchi pg. 5, l. 15–26), extract the third zapping stream and store it (Yamaguchi pg. 5, l. 23–34), and present the third zapping stream “when the service recipient alters the receiving service from the first

service presented by the first burst to the second service presented by the second burst, or vice versa", i.e. after the displayed program is changed (Yamaguchi pg. 5, l. 24–26).

19. The receiving apparatus is met as discussed for claim 18.

Conclusion

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bennett Ingvaldstad whose telephone number is (571) 270-3431. The examiner can normally be reached on M–F 9–5 EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Scott Beliveau can be reached on (571) 272-7343. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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